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REPTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

AND

Chief Public Health Inspector

FOR THE YEAR 1971



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To the Chairman and Members of the
Repton Rural District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1971.

The year 1971 was an important one for the Rural District Council as well as for all other local authorities. New legislation in the form of a Bill - Local Government Reorganisation Bill - was presented to Parliament during the year. This Bill, when it is passed, will cause Repton Rural District to disappear from the map, to be preplaced by a larger unit of Local Government with some changes in function. The new District will be larger, owing to amalgamation with adjoining areas, and there will be relatively fewer Councillors to administer the new unit. Of course, your Officers will share in this rationalisation.

The year 1974 is the deadline for this change. It is envisaged that the National Health Service will also undergo radical change at the same time so that the new Local Government Authorities at all levels will obtain their medical advice and assistance through liaison with the National Health Service at appropriate levels. Such far-reaching reorganisation is bound to affect us all, and it is to be hoped that this ambitious scheme will bring with it many and diverse rewards to local authorities.

The human problems such reorganisation must bring to the Councillors and the staff may be great and onerous, but it is to be hoped that at the end of the day both the administrative and those administered will be as well, if not better, served than they are today.

In the meantime "the old Order" continues with skill and dedication to serve its District. The result of these efforts is to be seen in the continuing progress made in housing, planning, environmental improvement and the many other functions of Local Government. This forward-looking attitude is deserving of the highest praise as the more improvements Repton Rural District Council have gained by "D" Day the better will be its position under the new Local Government set up.

STATISTICS

The Registrar-General's Census population for the mid-year 1971 was 32,667. This constitutes a net loss of 743 persons when compared with the estimated mid-year population 1970 which was 33,410. This loss is hard to understand, but it must mean that the estimated mid-year population since the 1961 Census were grossly over-estimated, especially as all indications are that more people are coming into the District than people leaving it, the comparison of morbidities, mortalities between 1970 and 1971 cannot be estimated accurately by the Department. The statistical "sums" would prove too difficult.

During the year there were 487 live births and there were 380 deaths during the same period. Thus, as far as births and deaths are concerned, the District has fared very well.

BIRTH RATE

The adjusted Birth Rate for the District was 16.0 which was the same as for England and Wales as a whole.

DEATH RATE

The local adjusted Death Rate was 10.6 compared with 11.6 for England and Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY

There were 9 deaths of infants under one year of which three took place under one week. The infant mortality rate was 18.48 compared with 18.00 for England and Wales.

MATERNAL DEATHS

There were no deaths attributed to pregnancy or childbirth during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH

During the year there were 380 deaths notified. Of these, 265 were of persons over 65. The International Classification of Diseases was again modified during the year and this makes comparisons with previous years more difficult.

Graphs showing the more important causes of death per 1,000 population over the last ten years have been added for those interested.

According to the International Classification, the most prominent causes of deaths notified during 1971 were as follows:-

(1)	Cardiovascular Diseases (including Strokes, but excluding Ischaemic Heart Disease)	.. ..	107	(102)*
(2)	Ischaemic Heart Disease	.. .. .	104	(79)*
(3)	Diseases of the Respiratory System (Pulmonary Tuberculosis 2, but excluding Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus)	.. .. .	54	(43)*
(4)	Malignant Neoplasms (Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus 21)	.. .. .	53	(24)*

*Deaths occurring aged 65 and over

N.B. There has been a sharp rise in deaths from Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus this year. However, the deaths from all malignancies are less.

The four main causes of death are largely degenerative in nature and, as medical science advances, so will these causes tend to increase as a proportion of all deaths.

OTHER CAUSES OF DEATHS

Motor vehicle accidents accounted for 11 deaths during the year as compared with 5 deaths in 1970. This is a matter of concern to the Road Safety Committee.

All other accidents accounted for 5 deaths during the year, compared with 4 deaths in 1970. This is a matter of concern to the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, since these accidents occur in and around the home.

Suicides - there were 4 suicides during this period. This largely reflects the stresses of modern life and the effect on the mental health of the people concerned.

SOCIAL LEGISLATION
(For information)

Section 13 of the Health Services and Public Health Act, 1968 came into force on 1st April, 1971. This Section imposes a duty on the Local Authority to seek out the needy, whether aged or otherwise physically handicapped.

The various forms of help available to sick people should be made known and the size of the problem should be systematically assessed, so that statutory and voluntary bodies may know when the need is greatest and to make help available to those people and, if necessary, to the household as such.

This Section opens wide the door to help the helpless. All that is needed is manpower and money. The former is to be recruited either within the Local Authority Service, or from voluntary aid, the latter will gradually become available as the general standard of living rises.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

During the year 66 cases of infectious diseases have been notified to this Department. Of these 58 consisted of Measles. These were mild cases and none had to be admitted to Hospital. At this time a Measles Vaccination Campaign has been in progress so that in an epidemic year more cases might have been expected. The graph does indeed show indications of a falling off of this disease, possibly at least in part due to Measles vaccination.

There were 7 cases of Whooping Cough, none of which had to be admitted to Hospital.

However, 1 case of Bacterial Meningitis was reported and this was, of course, admitted to Hospital for treatment. As far as my information goes, this one year old child made a good recovery.

OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

There were 2 new cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year and there were 2 deaths from previously notified cases of the disease.

A man suffering from Brucellosis was notified by the Derbyshire County Council Health Department. This was a farmer who apparently did not become very ill. He was advised to cull any Brucella reactors from his herd and he sent all milk for pasteurisation.

ANIMAL DISEASES - INFECTIONS TO MAN

Salmonellosis - This disease, of which there are many varieties, can cause illness in animals and man. It is the most common cause of food poisoning. During the year the Health Department were notified by officials of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food of seven cases of animal salmonellosis affecting cows, calves and turkeys. The farms affected were visited and the farmers were informed of the dangers to themselves, their families and employees and animals alike from infected beasts. Good hygiene was stressed. The farmers were, of course, strongly advised to seek professional guidance as to the management of any outbreak from his Veterinary Surgeon if he had not already been involved.

Brucellosis - A disease mainly of cows and goats. It can be transmitted to man via milk, but man cannot normally infect another person. In cows it causes abortus fever and when transmitted to man a vague chronic debilitating disease can ensue. In rare cases, death may follow.

During the year a quantity of samples were taken from milk retailer/producers. Any positive results were followed up. The farmer was instructed to have his milk pasteurised and the infected cows culled from his herd. Only after repeated negative samples from his main herd was he allowed to continue retailing unpasteurised milk. There are powers available to the Health Department by virtue of the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1958 to do this. During the year action on a voluntary basis had to be taken in a few cases.

The importance of Brucellosis is so great that the Government have now instituted compulsory accredited herd system in the South and North of the British Isles. Farmers are compelled to eradicate Brucellosis from their herds in collaboration with Government Veterinary Authorities. The importance of this scheme is that the herds are protected from a very serious illness with much loss of life and health. People, especially farmers and Veterinary Surgeons represent but a small proportion of the problem.

In Derbyshire two schemes are in operation, neither being compulsory:-

- (1) Incentive Scheme - whereby a farmer gets increased money for his milk
- (2) Accredited Scheme - whereby the farmer sells his milk at ordinary prices, but gets increased compensation for the culling of any affected cows, or their close contacts

The Accredited Scheme, like the Incentive Scheme, is supervised by Government Veterinary Surgeons. I am glad to say that these Schemes are being taken up by more and more farmers in the Derbyshire area generally and in the Repton Rural District particularly.

WATER SUPPLIES

The water supplies in the District have been, by and large, both plentiful and wholesome. There still exist of course private wells with unsatisfactory water, but as the years go by more and more of these will be discarded in favour of mains water.

There is one serious problem, however, which exists in a small village of more than fifteen households and obtain its supplies from an unsatisfactory source. This water supply shows a high Nitrate content and recurrent pollution sometimes beyond the threshold of any acceptable standard.

Despite repeated advice from the Repton Rural District Council, this hamlet refuses to accept a mains supply. This Council have therefore decided to lay mains to the hamlet and guarantee the water undertaker's expenses. At the moment no one knows whether any, or all, of the villagers will accept this supply. Nevertheless the Council have done their plain duty in laying this water on, and should the standard of the well water become intolerable, there are ways of insisting that the householders involved must draw from the mains supply.

FLUORIDATION

It has been shown that the presence of fluoride in the water ensures that the teeth of children are healthy. Provided, of course, that other basic dental treatment and supervision is available, this will ensure that the teeth will remain strong and healthy during the lifetimes of such children.

At the concentration of 1 p.p.m. there is no measurable hazard to the child, or the older population imbibing water so treated. As to taste, the water remains wholesome and no one is hurt in the process for any aesthetic reason.

I have pleasure in reporting that fluoridation of water in many parishes of this District is now in being. Further, I am informed that before very long almost the whole of this District will be so treated.

This is a good health measure, especially since there are no side effects to be expected from its presence.

HOUSING

This is another area where Local Government provides for the health and well-being of its inhabitants. Indeed the housing status of a District can well be a measure of the Council's ability to do its job properly. It is with pleasure that I have to report that during the year 1971 existing houses have continued to be improved up to high standard and, as Mr. Evans discloses in his Report, this grant aided aspect of housing improvement is proceeding at a rapid pace.

New houses too, have continued to be built both in the private and public sector. Unfortunately, the Woodville scheme has been delayed in starting and the Castle Gresley scheme, though well on the way to completion, is not yet finished.

Above all, the wisdom of the Council shows itself in its concern for the elderly folk and their housing needs. Year by year this group continues to grow and year by year Repton Rural District Council plans new schemes for the elderly. At the moment there are ten elderly persons dwelling schemes in being, each having a warden to provide basic supervision and care. These schemes consists of 183 units, made up of flats and bungalows.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

This is another basic health and environmental provision. It goes without saying that the health of the District is maintained only if sewage and its disposal are adequate for the needs of the area. Each year, and this year is no exception, old schemes are improved and sometimes new schemes are brought into being. The Council is to be congratulated in its concern and dedication in providing for the health of its District in this way.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

The District is well served by this provision. The sack method has proved to be a great success.

A bonus arising from this disposal service is provided by an arrangement with Mr. Davoll that sacks would be available for the incontinents of the District which would be collected and incinerated separately. This service is very good for the smooth running of the personal health provisions of the District. After all, it is our people who benefit even though the Health Authority is primarily involved.

DEPARTMENTAL CHANGES

During the year Mr. J. Thompson left the employ of this Authority to take up a similar appointment with a neighbouring Authority, the good wishes of all members of the Health Department go with him in his new appointment.

Mr. R. F. Ball, the Pupil Public Health Inspector, qualified in July of this year and was subsequently appointed as District Public Health Inspector with this Council, our congratulations and good wishes are extended to him.

Mr. G. R. Starmer was appointed as Pupil Public Health Inspector in September.

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Within the Report there is a list of County Council Clinics and a table showing primary immunisations against Diphtheria, for which I am indebted to Dr. A. H. Snaith, County Medical Officer of Health.

It is my privilege to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council, the Clerk of the Council, the Treasurer, General Practitioners, Health Visitors, Heads of Departments and Staff and particularly, of course, the Chief Public Health Inspector and the Public Health Department for their help and co-operation during the year 1971.

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Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Elevation of the District from 130 to 604 O.D.

Area	64,239 acres
Registrar-General's estimated population mid 1971 (including members of the armed forces stationed in the area)	32,300
Population Census 1961	37,565
Number of inhabited dwellings end of 1971	10,707
Rateable Value, 1st April, 1971	£1,966,241
Product of 1p Rate, 1st April, 1971	£19,466

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VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	
Legitimate	463	225	238	.. .. .	15.07
Illegitimate	24	12	12	Area Comparability Factor	1.06
	<u>487</u>	<u>237</u>	<u>250</u>	Birth Rate for purposes of comparison	16.0
				Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	4.93

Stillbirths

Legitimate	8	4	4	Rate per 1,000 (Live and Still) births	16.16
Illegitimate	-	-	-		
	<u>8</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>		

TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS: 495

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.	Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	
Legitimate	6	5	1	.. .. .	18.48
Illegitimate	3	1	2	Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	12.96
	<u>9</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	12.5

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.	Deaths of infants under four weeks per 1,000 total live births	
Legitimate	4	3	1	.. .. .	10.27
Illegitimate	1	-	1		
	<u>5</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>2</u>		

EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE

	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.		
Legitimate	2	1	1	Deaths of infants under one	
Illegitimate	1	-	1	week per 1,000 total Live	
	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	Births	6.16

PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE

	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.		
Legitimate	10	5	5	Stillbirths and Deaths under	
Illegitimate	1	-	1	one week combined per 1,000	
	<u>11</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	Live and Still Births ..	22.2

MATERNAL MORTALITY (INCLUDING ABORTION)

Number of deaths Nil
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births Nil

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DEATHS (including Members of the armed forces who were stationed in the area)	380	DEATH RATE per 1,000 of the estimated resident population	11.76
		Area Comparability Factor	.90
		Death Rate for purposes of comparison	10.6

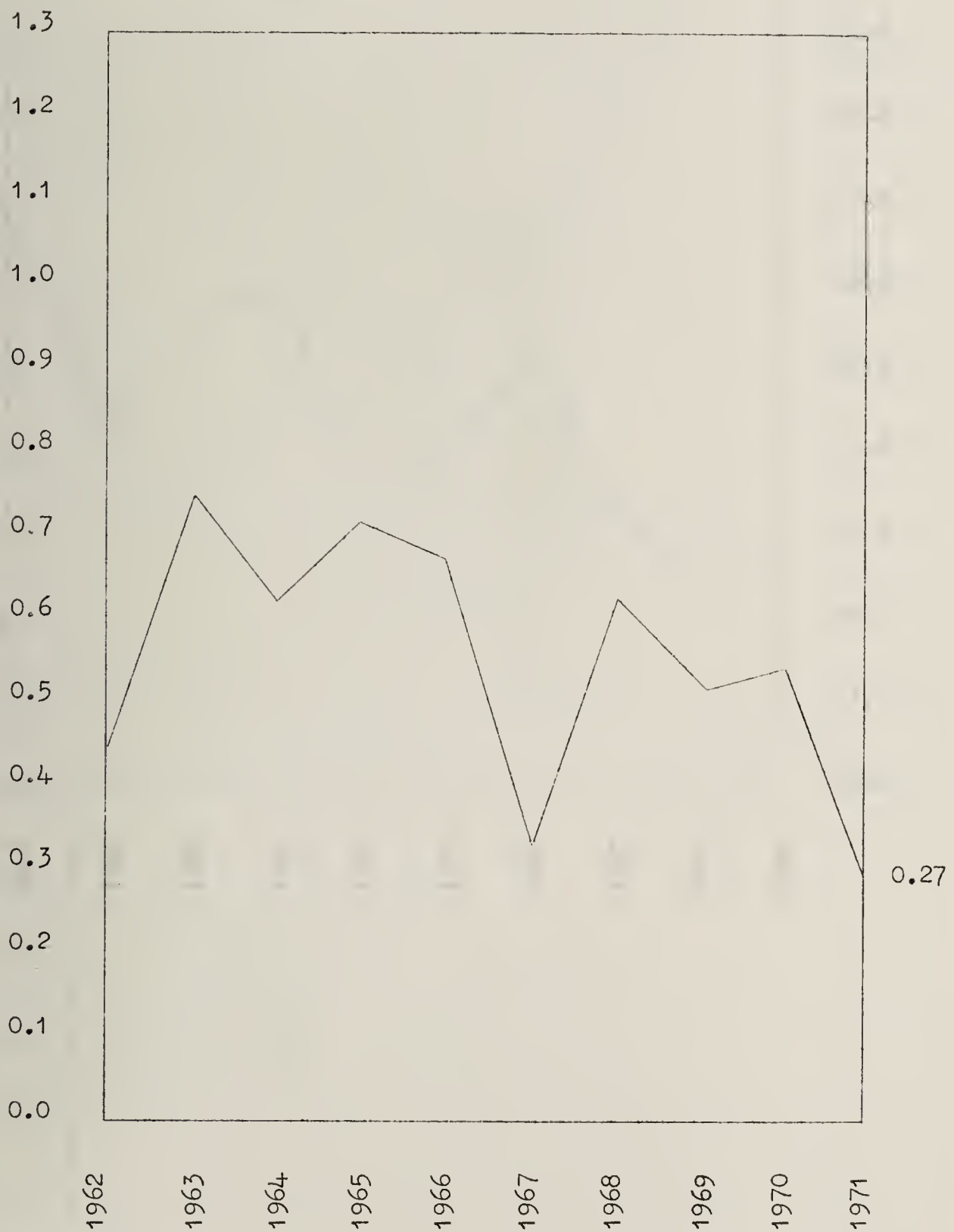
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C L A S S I F I C A T I O N O F D E A T H S

	All ages		TOTAL
	M.	F.	
1. Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases ..	-	1	1
2. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	2	-	2
3. Meningococcal Infection	1	-	1
4. Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity, etc. ..	1	-	1
5. Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus	-	1	1
6. Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	5	8
7. Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine	4	-	4
8. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	19	2	21
9. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	7	7
10. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3	3
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate	4	-	4
12. Leukaemia	1	2	3
13. Other Malignant Neoplasms	6	5	11
14. Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
15. Other Endocrine, etc. Diseases	-	1	1
16. Anaemias	1	-	1
17. Other Diseases of Blood, etc.	-	1	1
18. Mental Disorders	-	2	2
19. Meningitis	2	-	2
20. Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	1	2
21. Hypertensive Disease	3	7	10
22. Ischaemic Heart Disease	72	32	104
23. Other Forms of Heart Disease	10	18	28
24. Cerebrovascular Disease	24	35	59
25. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	5	5	10
26. Pneumonia	15	25	40
27. Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	3	9
28. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	2	3
29. Peptic Ulcer	1	2	3
30. Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-	1
31. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	2
32. Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	2	2
33. Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	1	1
34. Congenital Anomalies	-	2	2
35. Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	2	1	3
36. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	1	1
37. Symptoms and Ill-defined Conditions	1	3	4
38. Motor Vehicle Accidents	8	3	11
39. All Other Accidents	4	1	5
40. Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	4	-	4
TOTAL ALL CAUSES			380
			204
			176

BRONCHITIS

GRAPH showing deaths from Bronchitis each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



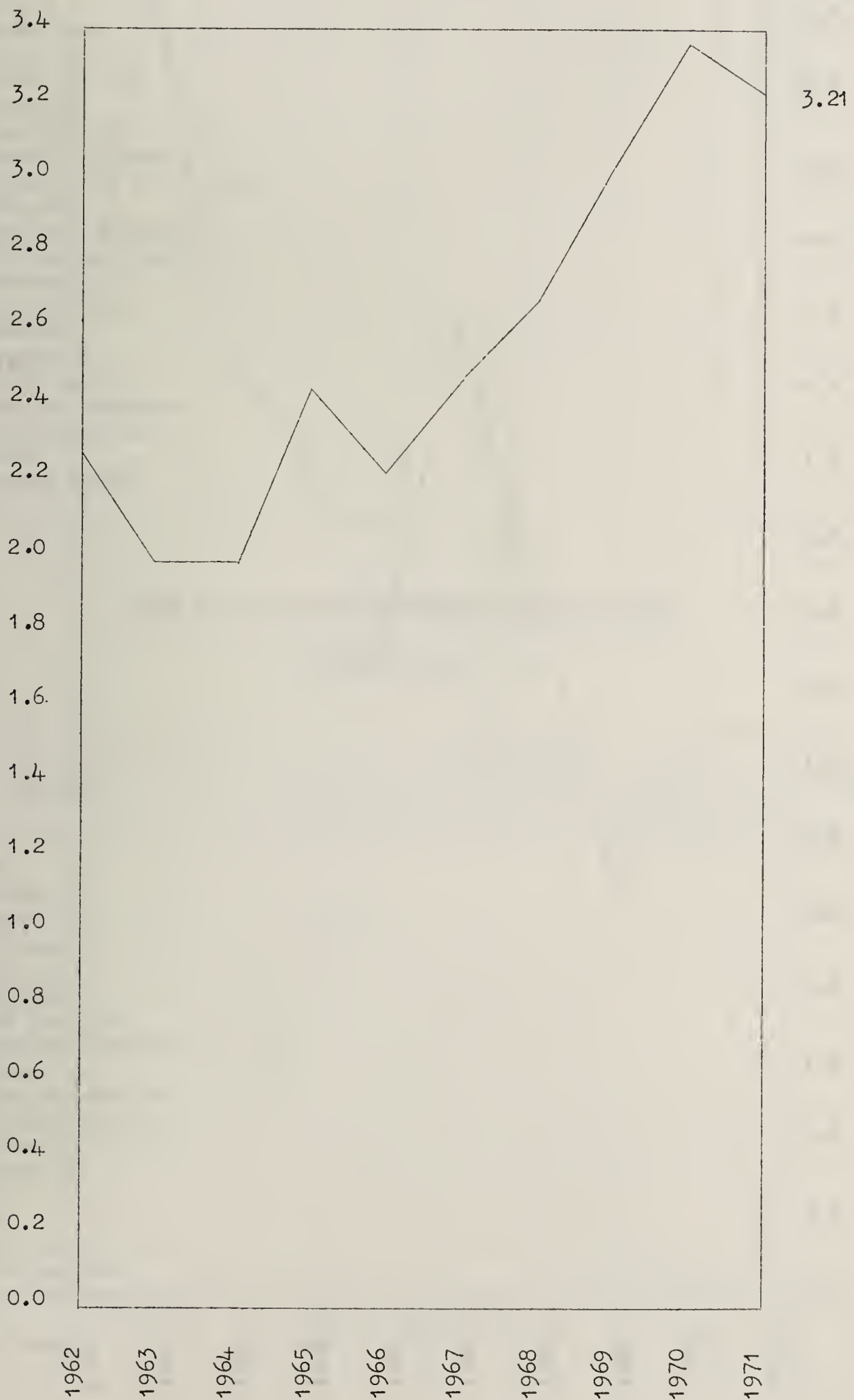
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GRAPH showing deaths from Cancer of the Lung each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



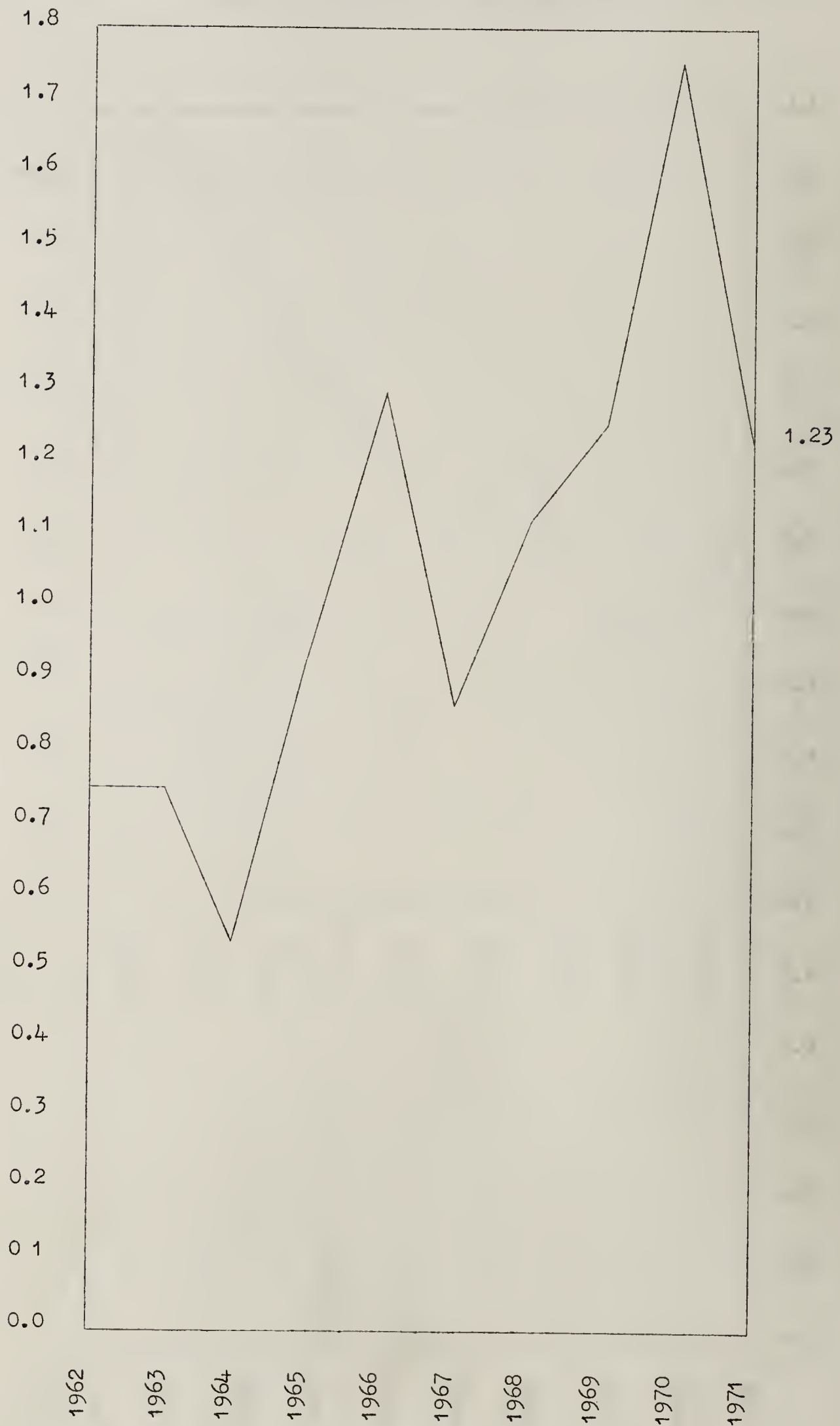
CORONARY DISEASE

GRAPH showing deaths from Coronary Disease each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



PNEUMONIA

GRAPH showing deaths from Pneumonia each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years



NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING YEAR 1971

Disease	Total Cases notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Enteric Fever:-			
Typhoid	-	-	-
Paratyphoid	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ..	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis:-			
Paralytic	-	-	-
Non-Paralytic	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Infective Jaundice ..	-	-	-
Acute Meningitis	-	-	-
Measles	58	-	-
Whooping Cough	7	-	-

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES

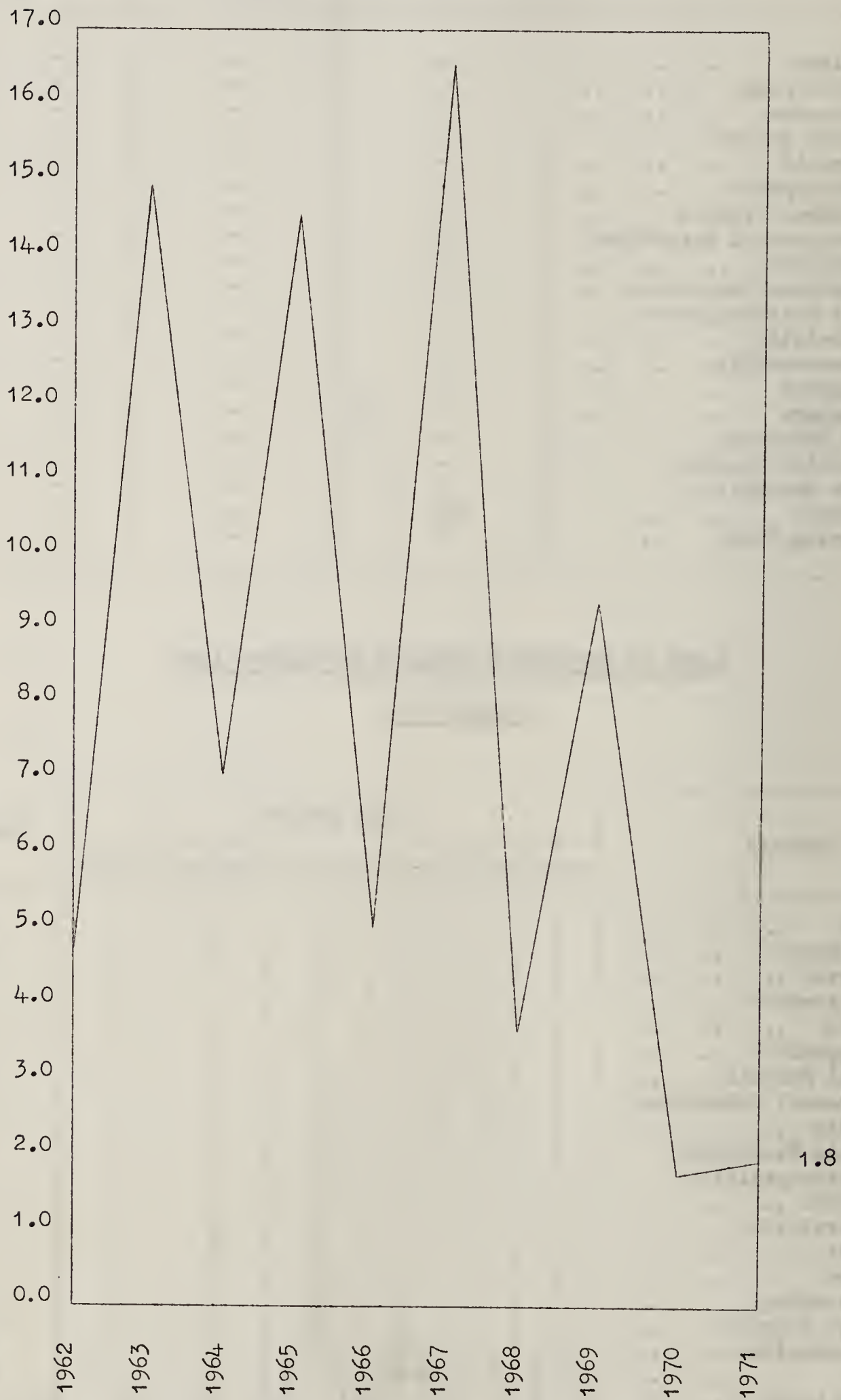
DURING 1971

Disease	Age Groups												TOTAL
	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	
Smallpox													-
Scarlet Fever													-
Diphtheria													-
Enteric Fever:-													
Typhoid													-
Paratyphoid													-
Puerperal Pyrexia ..													-
Meningococcal Infections													-
Erysipelas													-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum													-
Acute Poliomyelitis:-													
Paralytic													-
Non-Paralytic													-
Pneumonia													-
Dysentery													-
Food Poisoning													-
Infective Jaundice ..													-
Acute Meningitis													-
Measles	4	8	5	3	5	21	9	3					58
Whooping Cough		1		1	1	3	1						7

MEASLES

GRAPH showing notified cases of Measles each year per 1,000 population over the last ten years.

(The biennial nature of Measles epidemics is well shown here)



PARTICULARS OF NEW CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS
AND OF DEATHS FROM THE DISEASE IN THE AREA DURING 1971

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year								
1 - 4								
5 - 14								
15 - 24								
25 - 34								
35 - 44								
45 - 64	1	1			1			
65 and over					1			
TOTALS	1	1	-	-	2	-	-	-

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DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the following details of Diphtheria Immunisation record cards received during the period 1st January to 31st December, 1971, in respect of children immunised during the year 1971:-

Primary	369
Booster	472
	<u>841</u>

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CLINICS

DERBY

Ante-Natal and
Cytology Clinics

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

First and third Friday 9.00 a.m. to
12.30 p.m., and 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th
Tuesday, 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.
Doctor attends each Session.

Child Guidance Clinic

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinic

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

By appointment.

Dental Treatment

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

By appointment.

Eye Clinic

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

Every Tuesday p.m. by appointment.

Chiropody Clinic

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

Wednesday p.m. and Friday a.m.
Alternate Thursday a.m.
By appointment.

Yellow Fever

County Clinic,
Cathedral Road,
Derby.

Each Monday morning. By appointment.
(For certain travellers abroad only).

ETWALL

Infant Welfare Centre

Village Hall,
Etwall

First Wednesday in each month, 1.30 p.m.
to 4.30 p.m.

LINTON

Infant Welfare Centre

Linton Heath Methodist
Church Hall, Linton

Third Friday in each month, 1.30 p.m. to
4.30 p.m.

WILLINGTON

Infant Welfare Centre

Village Hall,
Willington

Fourth Tuesday in each month, 1.30 p.m.
to 4.15 p.m.

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL CLINICS

(continued)

MELBOURNE

Minor Ailment Clinic

Penn Lane,
Melbourne

Every morning from 9.00 a.m. to
10.00 a.m.

Infant Welfare Centre

Penn Lane,
Melbourne

Every Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Speech Therapy Clinic

Penn Lane,
Melbourne

By appointment. All day Monday.

OVERSEAL

Methodist Church,
Overseal

First Friday in each month 1.30 p.m.
to 4.15 p.m.

REPTON

Village Hall,
Repton

Second Tuesday in each month 1.30 p.m.
to 4.15 p.m.

SWADLINCOTE, COUNTY COUNCIL CLINIC, CIVIC CENTRE

Cytology Clinic

First Tuesday in each month 9.00 a.m.
to 12.30 p.m.

Child Guidance

By appointment.

Dental Treatment

By appointment.

Eye Clinic

Fourth Thursday p.m. in each month.
By appointment.

Infant Welfare Centre

Every Monday 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.,
and 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Minor Ailment Clinic

Second and 4th Wednesdays 9.00 a.m. to
10.00 a.m.

Mothercraft Relaxation

Thursday a.m.

Psychiatric Clinic

First Tuesday in each month p.m.

Speech Therapy

By appointment. Mondays.

Chiropody Clinic

Wednesday and Friday a.m. By appointment.
Fourth Tuesday and 4th Thursday p.m. in
each month. By appointment.

WALTON-ON-TRENT

Infant Welfare Centre

Village Institute,
Walton-on-Trent

First Thursday in each month 1.30 p.m.
to 4.15 p.m.

C H E S T C L I N I C S

BURTON UPON TRENT

The Chest Clinic,
Burton District Hospital Centre,
Outwoods Branch,
Belvedere Road,
Burton upon Trent.

Tel. No. Burton 66333

Monday 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
Friday 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

Contact Clinics are held on alternate
Tuesdays from 9.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m.

B.C.G. Clinics are held on Friday of
the same week as the Contact Clinic
from 10.45 a.m.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY at all Sessions.

DERBY

The Chest Clinic,
Green Lane,
Derby.

Tel. No. Derby 40366

Sessions daily, Monday to Friday.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY at all Sessions.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

PERTUSSIS, TETANUS, POLIOMYELITIS AND MEASLES

Facilities for immunisation are available on request, when the Doctor
is in attendance at Infant Welfare Centres and Minor Ailment Clinics.

REPAIRS OR REPLACEMENT OF GLASSES

FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The necessary form may be obtained, on request, from the Principal School
Medical Officer of Health, County Offices, MATLOCK, Derbyshire, DE4 3AG,
or from the School Medical Officers.

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

Mrs. R. Eastman 9 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley.	Shop hours.
The Post Office, Church Broughton.	Shop hours.
County Clinic, Cathedral Road, Derby.	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon. Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.
Mrs. E. Stretton, Blenheim Farm, Etwall	Wednesday, 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.
Village Hall, Etwall	First Wednesday in month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Mrs. M. Rawson, The Green, Findern.	Shop. hours.
W. P. Orme and Son, General Stores, Hartshorne	Shop hours.
A. & K. T. G. Tomlinson, 10 Station Road, Hatton.	Shop hours.
Mr. W. L. Bates, 133 Main Street, Linton.	Shop hours.
Methodist Church Hall, Linton Heath.	Third Friday in month, 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
The Bungalow, Penn Lane, Melbourne	Each Wednesday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Methodist Chapel, Woodville Road, Overseal	First Friday 1.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.
Village Hall, Repton	Second Tuesday 2.00 p.m. to 4.00 p.m.
Burton Co-op Society, High Street, Newhall	Shop hours
Mr. P. W. Hidderley, 44 Main Street, Hilton.	Shop hours.

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION CENTRES

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County Clinic,
Civic Centre,
Swadlincote.

Monday, Tuesday and Friday, 9.15 a.m. to
12.30 p.m. and 1.30 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Saturdays 9.00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

Mrs. Harvey,
Bells End Road,
Walton-on-Trent.

Shop hours.

Village Hall,
Walton-on-Trent.

First Thursday in each month 1.30 p.m.
to 4.15 p.m.

Derby & Burton Co-op
Society Limited,
Willington

Shop hours

Village Hall,
Willington

Fourth Tuesday in month, 2.00 p.m. to
4.00 p.m.

Derby & Burton Co-op
Society Limited,
Fiveways
Woodville

Shop hours.

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S E C T I O N B.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Repton Rural District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Another year has passed into history and it is my duty and privilege to report on the general environmental health work carried out by your Public Health Inspector's Department in respect of the twelve months ended 31st December, 1971.

If an Officer is conscientious, the beginning of a new year is a time for new ambition, new hope and new programmes.

Invariably, due to factors outside his control be it financial or otherwise the reality is a little progress here, frustration there and, all in all, a year of steady plodding down the same old ruts. This is inevitable as the general pattern of a Public Health Inspector's work is laid down by Statute and the routine work must go on.

During the year Mr. R. F. Ball, your former Pupil Public Health Inspector, took the final examinations of the Public Health Inspectors' Examination Board after four years of study and qualified as a Public Health Inspector. He was appointed a member of the Council's permanent staff as from the 12th July, 1971.

This, to a large extent, balanced the loss of Mr. J. Thompson who had secured an appointment with a neighbouring local authority. Mr. Thompson's employment with this authority terminated on the 14th February, 1971.

Following Mr. Ball's successful qualification, your Council agreed to continue to participate in the training of Pupil Public Health Inspectors and Mr. G. R. Starmer commenced duties with your Council's Health Department on the 28th September, 1971.

In accordance with established practice, comments on individual sections of the duties will be made in the body of the report where appropriate.

No Officer employed in local government can work in isolation, he must participate as a member of a team, and I have benefited during the period in which I have been your Chief Public Health Inspector from the help and co-operation of the Council's other Departments. In particular, I wish to record my thanks to your Medical Officer of Health and to the Clerk and Chief Executive Officer.

H. EVANS,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

FOOD AND DRUGS

PREPARED FOODS

Twenty-six premises are registered for the preparation, manufacture of sausages, potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food intended for sale, a decrease of one.

Fifty-seven visits were made to this class of business during the year.

ICE CREAM

Four premises were registered for the first time, and transfer of registration took place at three further premises. The total premises registered for the sale of ice cream now stands at one hundred and seven.

Difficulty was again experienced in obtaining a supply of "dry ice" and it was only through the good offices of a neighbouring authority that sampling on a very limited scale was able to be carried out.

A total of nine samples were taken and these were chiefly in connection with premises manufacturing ice cream within the district. All nine samples were reported as being Grade I.

A total of thirty-four routine visits to retail and manufacturing premises were made during the year, and it is pleasing to report that premises generally were found to be satisfactory.

MILK

Eight premises are registered as Dairies, two of these received visits during the year.

In addition, twenty-four persons are registered as milk distributors. In this connection, the majority of distributors either fetch their daily quota directly from the wholesale dairies, or receive a daily delivery sufficient for their business, no milk being stored on their own premises.

A total of four visits were made to premises in connection with dairies and milk distributing.

MILK

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The following is a record of milk samples taken during 1971 by the Derbyshire County Council who are the Food and Drugs Authority for this District:-

Untreated Milk

<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Brucella Abortus</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
-	-	2	-

Pasteurised Milk

<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
43*	3	47	-

*1 not done

Sterilised Milk

<u>Turbidity</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
-	-

TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES: 49

Pasteurising Plant

<u>Methylene Blue</u>		<u>Phosphatase</u>	
<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
6*	-	7	-

*1 not done

TOTAL NUMBER OF SAMPLES: 7

MILK
(continued)

BRUCELLA ABORTUS

Sampling

Milk sampling for Brucella Abortus commenced in January 1971. Initially, eleven farms were sampled as producer/retailers of untreated milk. Three of these farmers had accredited herds and are now supervised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Veterinary Officers.

Following positive results amongst the remaining eight, two farmers voluntarily ceased retailing milk. A third decided to cease retailing untreated milk and obtained a supply of pasteurised milk for his customers.

Of the remaining five farms, one is seriously considering initial stages of qualification for the accredited herds scheme.

Sampling continues on these five on a quarterly basis. Details of samples taken are as follows:-

Type of Sample	Total Number Taken	Ring Test		Culture		Guinea Pig	
		Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative	Positive	Negative
Bottle	1		1				
Herd	62	12	50	1	2	1	2
Group	7	6	1	3	3	3	
Individual	2		2				
TOTAL	72	18	54	4	5	4	2

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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955, SECTION 2

FOOD NOT OF THE NATURE, SUBSTANCE OR QUALITY DEMANDED

Proceedings in respect of three complaints received during the latter part of 1970 were dealt with early in 1971, resulting in convictions in all cases and fines totalling £55.00 being imposed. They were as follows:-

(a)	Pieces of cardboard in bottle of milk	£15.00
(b)	Dirt in two bottles of milk	£25.00
(c)	Mouldy bread rolls	£15.00

During 1971 a total of nine complaints were received. One of these came from a Local Authority outside London and concerned a sliver of glass found in a tin of instant coffee manufactured within this Rural District. An investigation of the production line was carried out and recommendations made to prevent a recurrence. These recommendations were fully implemented by the Company concerned.

The remaining complaints were in respect of:-

(a)	Dark object on loaf of bread	Warning given.
(b)	Insect larvae in bottle of milk	Warning given.
(c)	Dirt on loaf of bread	Prosecution taken. Fine of £15 imposed.
(d)	Mould growth on fruit pie	Warning given.
(e)	Mould growth on carton of Yoghurt	No action possible, owing to interference by complainant.
(f)	Mouldy trifle sponges	Prosecution taken. Fine of £10 imposed.
(g)	Dirt in bottle of milk	Warning given.
(h)	Dirt in bottle of milk	Proceedings in respect of this complaint were authorised, but had not been before the Magistrates' Court by the end of the year.

UN SOUND FOOD

The following items were surrendered as unfit for human consumption and removed for destruction:-

	Cwt.	qr.	lb.
Canned Meats			29
*Other Foods (general)	11	0	39
**Frozen Foods	3	0	10
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TOTAL WEIGHT CONDEMNED	14	2	22
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*Outdated food stocks at a wholesale warehouse.

**Condemnations resulting from breakdown in refrigerators.

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES) REGULATIONS 1966

FOOD HYGIENE (MARKETS, STALLS AND DELIVERY VEHICLES)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1966

The regular check of mobile food purveying vehicles is a most essential duty, as the majority of these vehicles are "on the road" for anything up to ten hours a day with the possibility of a serious deterioration of conditions during the long working day.

A total of fifty-eight inspections were carried out during the year, for the purposes of the above Regulations, of vehicles owned by sixteen different companies or individuals.

It was necessary to send Informal Notices concerning contraventions on twenty-six occasions. These contraventions totalled 104, and were as follows:-

REGULATION	CONTRAVENTION	NUMBER FOUND
5(1)	Dirty vehicle	10
5(1)	Defective vehicle	1
6(1)	Dirty equipment	11
6(1)	Defective equipment	4
7	Raw meat exposed with cooked meat	1
7	Food exposed to contamination	3
7	Dirty operative	1
7	No provision for outdoor clothing	1
9	Operative not wearing head covering	2
13	No name and address displayed on vehicle	7
15	No cold water supply to sink	1
16(1)	No wash-hand basin	5
16(2)	No hot water to wash-hand basin	12
16(3)	No nailbrush provided	13
16(3)	No soap	8
16(3)	No hand towel	9
17	Inadequate First-Aid Kit	2
17	No First-Aid Kit	8
18(a)	No sink	2
18(b)	No hot water to sink	3

Proceedings were authorised in two instances. They were:-

- (a) Dirty and defective equipment - fine of £10 imposed.
- (b) Absence of washing facilities, dirty and defective equipment - fines totalling £35 imposed.

In a number of other cases, the informal warning letter proved to be sufficient to secure an immediate improvement.

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1970

The maintenance and improvement of hygiene standards in the various premises engaged in the preparation, handling or sale of food, demands a great deal of time being spent in this type of establishment, and during the year your Inspectors made 212 visits to 42 premises. This figure does not include the many occasions when an Inspector visits for a specific purpose and automatically looks round with other requirements in his mind.

Forty-four Informal letters were sent in respect of contraventions at the premises inspected, recording 166 unsatisfactory items. These are set out in the accompanying table.

In the majority of cases, the Informal warning letter, together with an early follow-up visit secured the necessary improvement and it was only found necessary to submit a report to your Health and Public Works Committee in respect of one premise.

In this case the proprietor was given a warning and no proceedings taken.

REGULATION	CONTRAVENTION	NUMBER FOUND
7	Defective equipment	14
7	Dirty equipment	8
9	Food exposed to risk of contamination	5
9	Live animal in food premise	1
11	No protective clothing worn	4
16(1)	Dirty sanitary accommodation	4
16(1)	Defective sanitary accommodation	2
16(2)	Unsatisfactory lighting to sanitary accommodation	3
16(5)	Absence of Notices requiring hand washing	3
17	No hot or cold water supply	5
18(1)	No wash-hand basin	7
18(2)	No hot water to wash-hand basin	12
18(2)	No cold water to wash-hand basin	1
18(3)	No nailbrush	15
18(3)	No soap	10
18(3)	No towel	10
19	No First-Aid Kit	5
19	Inadequate First-Aid Kit	1
20	No accommodation for clothing	1
20	Unsatisfactory use of clothing lockers	1
21(1)	No sink	9
21(2)	No hot water to sink	7
25	Defective premises	16
25	Dirty premises	14
26	Accumulation of refuse in food room	1
26	Unsatisfactory refuse receptacles	3
26	Accumulation of rubbish	3
27	Food kept at unsatisfactory temperature	1

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

The number of licensed slaughterhouses within the District remains at eight.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES (HYGIENE) REGULATIONS, 1958 AS AMENDED BY THE SLAUGHTERHOUSES (HYGIENE) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 1966

All slaughterhouses were visited during the year by a District Veterinary Officer of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, together with a Public Health Inspector. Items of structural repair, or redecoration, found necessary during these visits were made satisfactory.

Generally, the standard of the licensed premises remains good.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Licences to slaughter animals at slaughterhouses in this District have been issued to seventeen applicants.

MEAT INSPECTION

Although the number of slaughterhouses in which slaughtering continues remains at eight, the total number of animals killed showed a reduction of over one thousand animals when compared with 1970.

This loss is shared throughout the District, and one wonders whether this is due to the ever-spiralling food prices and the housewife's search for cheaper substitutes.

It is always difficult to keep prices stable, and the family businesses of slaughterman/butchers have had a particularly heavy burden to bear, e.g. increased labour costs, maintenance of premises to an increasingly high standard under hygiene regulations, meat inspection charges (increased during 1971), trade effluent charges, etc.

The family butcher is usually a man proud of his product and it would be a sad day if rising costs forced him out.

One hundred per cent meat inspection was maintained at all the slaughterhouses, and this involved a total of 1,088 visits by your Inspectors.

A comparison of statistics for meat and offal condemned during the year as against 1970 shows an upward trend.

The number of carcasses totally condemned rising from one to eight, and offal over a ton increase.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Heifers and Bullocks</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep and Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
1970	3,053	352	90	7,293	2,817	13,605
1971	2,836	275	83	8,979	3,376	12,549

				Tons	cwt.	qr.	lb.
Whole carcasses rejected		14	3	12
Part carcasses rejected		16	2	25
Offals rejected	6	19	1	26
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TOTAL WEIGHT REJECTED	8	11	0	7
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MEAT INSPECTION

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	Cattle excluding cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	2,836	275	83	5,979	3,376	-
Number inspected	2,836	275	83	5,979	3,376	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	3	3	2	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	873	5	-	977	1,310	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci	30.78	2.93	3.61	16.35	38.8	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	15	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.44	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	24	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected by Cysticercus Bovis	0.84	-	-	-	-	-

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY ACT, 1967

SLAUGHTER OF POULTRY (HUMANE CONDITIONS) REGULATIONS 1971

Two premises are registered within the District under the provisions of the above Act. Slaughter of birds is mainly carried out in the weeks before Christmas.

Visits are made during this period in connection with hygiene conditions in the slaughtering rooms, dressing rooms and cold stores. Conditions are generally satisfactory.

FISH AND CHIP PREMISES

There are nine premises registered within this District for the preparation and sale of fish and chips.

During the year your District Public Health Inspectors made a total of ten visits to these premises. All premises have been maintained in a reasonable condition.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Upon receipt of notifications from General Practitioners of infectious disease, the premises are inspected and appropriate investigations made, according to the nature of the disease and, in all cases, after close consultation with the Medical Officer of Health. Where necessary, disinfection is carried out.

During the year, thirty-six visits were made.

WATER SUPPLIES

DESCRIPTION OF SAMPLE	No. of Samples taken		Results of examination			
	Bact.	Chem.	Bact.		Chem.	
			Satis.	Unsat.	Satis.	Unsat.
(a) Mains water, S.S.W.W.C.	25	25	25	-	25	-
(b) Mains water, S.D.W.B.	119	-	113	6	-	-
(c) Other sources (wells, etc.)	12	10	5	7	6	4
(d) Ingleby (Private Supply)	32	6	17	15	5	1
TOTALS	188	41	160	28	36	5

Samples in groups (a) and (b) above were taken by the Statutory Water Boards own staff, the six unsatisfactory samples being repeated and found to be satisfactory

In these two groups, complaints are occasionally received concerning discolouration. This is usually found to be due to mains repair work, or back-flow in the mains when water is taken from another source. Flushing out of sections quickly resolves this type of complaint.

The samples taken in group (c) were from isolated properties, in most cases remote from a supply of mains water.

Of the seven unsatisfactory bacteriological samples, the chemical analysis of four was also unsatisfactory, two having a very high lead content. One of these now has a supply of mains water. The remaining two are also negotiating a supply from the mains.

The remainder have been advised on the danger of the existing supply, and on precautionary measures to prevent risk of illness.

Group (d) difficulties should be resolved during the coming year when a supply of mains water will be available.

	As at 31.12.1971	Population served at 31.12.1971
No. of houses in District supplied direct from mains	10,494	31,482
No. of houses in District supplied from standpipes	31	93
No. of houses supplied from sources other than mains	182	546

No. of connections made during the year:-

(a)	existing houses	2
(b)	new houses	264
(c)	other premises	Nil

WATER SUPPLIES - YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1971

The District as a whole is exceptionally well served with mains supply of water and the following is a statement of the position in the area

PARISH	Supplying Undertaker	Total Houses	Estd. Popn.	Total Houses supplied		Estd. Popn. supp.	No. of houses not on mains
				Direct	By Stand-pipe		
Ashe	S.D.W.B.	15	45	15	-	45	-
Barton Blount	S.D.W.B.	15	45	8	-	24	7
Bearwardcote	S.S.W.W.C.	10	30	4	-	12	6
Bretby	S.S.W.W.C.	271	813	258	-	774	8
do	N.W.L.W.B.	-	-	5	-	15	-
Burnaston	S.S.W.W.C.	135	405	52	-	156	6
do	S.D.W.B.	-	-	77	-	231	-
Calke	Private Sup.	12	36	11	-	33	1
Castle Gresley	S.S.W.W.C.	474	1,422	474	-	1,422	-
Catton	S.S.W.W.C.	22	66	7	-	21	15
Cauldwell	S.S.W.W.C.	28	84	27	-	81	1
Church Broughton	S.D.W.B.	116	348	108	-	324	8
Coton-in-the-Elms	S.S.W.W.C.	191	573	190	-	570	1
Dalbury Lees	S.D.W.B.	70	210	69	-	207	1
Drakelow	S.S.W.W.C.	65	195	62	-	186	3
Egginton	S.S.W.W.C.	132	396	132	-	396	-
Etwall	S.S.W.W.C.	818	2,454	813	-	2,439	2
do	S.D.W.B.	-	-	3	-	9	-
Findern	S.S.W.W.C.	404	1,212	385	-	1,155	14
do	S.D.W.B.	-	-	5	-	15	-
Foremarke	N.W.L.W.B.	20	60	20	-	60	-
Foston & Scropton	S.D.W.B.	133	399	120	-	360	13
Hartshorne	S.D.W.B.	1,321	3,963	1,129	-	3,387	-
do	N.W.L.W.B.	-	-	192	-	576	-
Hatton	S.D.W.B.	600	1,800	597	-	1,791	3
Hilton	S.S.W.W.C.	500	1,500	492	-	1,476	8
Hoon	S.D.W.B.	13	39	9	-	27	4
Ingleby	Private Sup.	20	60	20	-	60	-
Linton	S.S.W.W.C.	775	2,325	771	-	2,313	4
Lullington	S.S.W.C.C.	49	147	47	-	141	2
Marston-on-Dove	S.D.W.B.	16	48	11	-	33	5
Netherseal	S.S.W.W.C.	303	909	303	-	909	-
Newton Solney	S.S.W.W.C.	206	618	200	-	600	6
Osleston and Thurvaston	S.D.W.B.	81	243	78	-	234	3
Overseal	S.S.W.W.C.	740	2,220	740	-	2,220	-
Radbourne	S.D.W.B.	45	135	40	-	120	5
Repton and Milton	S.S.W.W.C.	669	2,007	627	20	1,941	6
do	N.W.L.W.B.	-	-	14	2	48	-
Rosliston	S.S.W.W.C.	171	513	168	-	504	3
Smisby	S.D.W.B.	97	291	83	-	249	14
Sutton-on-the- Hill	S.D.W.B.	39	117	38	-	114	1
Ticknall	S.D.W.B.	237	711	220	9	687	8
Trusley	S.D.W.B.	35	105	35	-	105	-
Twyford and Stenson	S.D.W.B.	34	102	14	-	42	20
Walton-on-Trent	S.S.W.W.C.	322	966	318	-	954	4
Willington	S.S.W.W.C.	732	2,196	732	-	2,196	-
Woodville	S.D.W.B.	752	2,256	752	-	2,256	-
do	N.W.L.W.B.	19	57	19	-	57	-
TOTALS		10,707	32,121	10,494	31	31,575	182

S.D.W.B. - South Derbyshire Water Board
S.S.W.W.C. - South Staffordshire Waterworks Company
N.W.L.W.B. - North-West Leicestershire Water Board

D R A I N A G E

Number of houses in District connected to sewers 9,326

Number of houses in District not connected to
sewers 1,381

Number of connections made during the year:-

(a)	existing houses	..	..	..	..	..	5
(b)	new houses	..	..	..	..	..	250
(c)	other premises	..	..	..	..	..	9

S A N I T A R Y A C C O M M O D A T I O N

Conversions to water-closets during 1971:-

(a)	Privy Middens	..	..	..	..	..	Nil
(b)	Pail closets	..	..	..	..	..	14
(c)	Waste water-closets	..	..	..	..	..	Nil

The total number of conversions to water-closets
up to the end of the year since the beginning of
1942 1,956

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H O U S I N G S T A T I S T I C S

1. INSPECTION OF DWELLING-HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

(1)(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for house defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..	178
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	230
(2)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932	Nil
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	16
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to in preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	75

2. REMEDY OF DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES

	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of Informal Action by the Local Authority or their Officers	62
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3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

(1)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957</u>	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices:-	
	(i) By owners	Nil
	(ii) By Local Authority in default of Owners ..	Nil
(2)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses and other premises in respect of which Statutory Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	3
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses and other premises in respect of which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices	3
(3)	<u>Proceedings under Sections 17 and 23 of the Housing Act, 1957</u>	
(a)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders or Closing Orders were made ..	16
(b)	Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders, or by Agreement	48
(c)	Closed in pursuance of an Undertaking given by the Owner under Section 16 and still in force ..	Nil

H O U S I N G S T A T I S T I C S

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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR (CONTINUED)

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| (4) | <u>Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957</u> | |
| (a) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | Nil |
| (b) | Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit | Nil |
| (5) | Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953, Closing Orders made under Section 10(1) | Nil |

4. HOUSING ACT, 1957, PART IV - OVERCROWDING

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|-----|---|-----------------------------|
| (1) | (a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of year }
(b) Number of families dwelling therein }
(c) Number of persons dwelling therein } | Figures
not
available |
| (2) | Number of alleged overcrowding cases investigated | 5 |
| (3) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year by rehousing | Nil |
| (4) | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority has again taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding | Nil |

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HOUSING ACT, 1969

Q U A L I F I C A T I O N C E R T I F I C A T E S

Section 44(1)

Forty-seven applications were received during the year for the issue of Qualification Certificates.

Of these, only seven complied with the requirements laid down and Certificates were issued in respect of these.

Applications in respect of thirty-six properties were refused on the grounds of disrepair.

The remaining four applications had been wrongly submitted as they did not have all the standard amenities.

Section 44(2)

Twenty-eight applications were received for the issue of Provisional Qualification Certificates in respect of joint schemes to repair dwellings and provide standard amenities. All applications were approved.

A further fifteen applications were in respect of the issue of Qualification Certificates after completion of works of repair and improvement carried out following the issue of Provisional Certificates. These applications were approved.

Applications in respect of nineteen other properties were returned to the applicants on the grounds of wrong procedure.

This work involved your Inspectors in a total of sixty-six visits additional to the supervision of improvement grant works.

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HOUSING ACT, 1969

I M P R O V E M E N T G R A N T S

The improvement of houses under the provisions of the above legislation continues to be widely used, a total of 132 applications being received during the year.

The trend to change to the Discretionary type of grant rather than the Standard continued during 1971, applications for the former being eighteen higher than the previous year, whilst applications for the Standard Grant fell by thirty-one.

The nett financial result of this is that the average grant (both types) increased by approximately £50.00 per dwelling improved and visits by your Inspectors increased by approximately four hundred to a total of two thousand, two hundred and ninety.

Bearing in mind the number of properties actually improved this figure appears to be rather high, but in fact this total includes properties visited at the request of owners seeking advice concerning the Grant schemes.

DETAILS OF IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

	IMPROVEMENT GRANTS		STANDARD GRANTS		BOTH GRANTS	
	January, 1954 to 31 December, 1971	1971	July, 1959 to 31 December, 1971	1971	January, 1954 to 31 December, 1971	1971
Number of applications received	672	56	1,067	76	1,739	132
Number of dwelling units involved	835	64	1,068	76	1,903	140
Number of units withdrawn	63	4	91	3	154	7
Number of units refused	11	-	9	-	20	-
Number of units approved, but not completed	54	19	84	27	138	46
Number of units improved	707	41	884	89	1,591	130
TOTAL GRANTS PAID	£197,047.78	£20,987.96	£141,458.11	£19,494.97	£338,505.89	£40,482.93
AVERAGE COST PER UNIT	£277.29	£511.90	£160.02	£219.04	£212.76	£311.41

U N F I T H O U S E S

Due to the departure of Mr. Thompson and the absence of a qualified replacement until the 12th July, 1971, it was necessary to temporarily re-organise the District Inspectors' areas. These factors virtually stopped work on the rural housing survey for the greater part of the year.

Progress on the clearance of unfit houses was once again disappointing, schemes having to be deferred because of various factors associated with the local authority's obligation, legal or moral, to provide housing accommodation for the displaced families.

Nevertheless, sixteen houses were the subject of Demolition Orders or Clearance Area action during the year, and a total of twenty-seven houses in the same categories were demolished.

In addition nineteen houses, one public house and one farm house were demolished for private re-development.

Of these seven were in the demolition category

1. Houses having Demolition Orders, Closing Orders, or which were subject of Clearance Area procedure before the 1st January, 1971, and which were not demolished on the 31st December, 1971:-

Nos. 81 and 83 Burton Road, Castle Gresley (D.O. 1962), Undertaking 1969, Void.
No. 51 Burton Road, Castle Gresley (C.O. 1969) - Void - Semi-detached.
The Rhymes and Broomhill, Foston (D.Os. 1968), 1 void (semi-detached).
No. 6 Spring Cottages, Hartshorne (C.O. 1955) - End Cottage in terrace, void.
No. 31 Uttoxeter Road, Foston (C.O. 1966), void, Middle cottage in three.
Nos. 4 and 6 Uttoxeter Road, Foston (D.Os. 1967), Semi-detached, one still occ.
Rose Cottage, Sutton Lane, Hilton (D.O. 1969), Void.
No. 70 Egginton Road, Hilton (C.O. 1969), Void, semi-detached.
Home Farm, 8 Main Street, Linton (D.O. 1969), still occupied.
Nos. 94, 96, 98 and 100 Main Street, Linton (D.Os. 1969), void
"Belmont", Long Lane, Osleston (D.O. 1969), void.
Nos. 45 and 47 Burton Road, Overseal (D.Os. 1969) semi-detached, 1 still occ.
Nos. 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 Whitehouses, Woodville Road, Overseal (D.Os. 1969), 3 occ.
Nos. 2, 2A, 4 and 6 Well Lane, Repton (D.Os. 1962), 2 still occupied.
Nos. 54 Mount Pleasant, Repton (C.O. 1969) - end house in terrace.
Block of 4 Archway Cottages, Main Street, Ticknall (D.Os. 1962), 1 still occ.
130 Moira Road, Woodville (D.O. 1969), still occupied.
Nos. 111, 113, 115, 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127 and 129 Mount Pleasant Road, Castle Gresley (C.A. 1970), void.
Nos. 4, 6, 8 and 10 Mount Road, Castle Gresley (C.A. 1970), void.
No. 303 Ashby Road, Boundary, Smisby (D.O. 1970), still occupied.
Keeper's Cottage, Sutton-on-the-Hill - subject of Undertaking not to re-let.

2. Houses which were the subject of Demolition Orders or Clearance Area procedure during 1971:-

Block of 3 Cottages, Main Street, Cauldwell (D.Os.)
Nos. 27 and 29 Main Street, Overseal (C.A.) - one still occupied.
Nos. 26,28,30,32,34,36 and 38 Mount Road, Castle Gresley (C.A.) - void.
No. 131 Moira Road, Woodville (D.O.) - void
No. 80 Burton Road, Castle Gresley (D.O.) - void
No. 15 Mill Street, Coton-in-the-Elms, (D.O.) - demolished
Detached Cottage, Moor End, Hoon, Hatton (D.O.) - void.

U N F I T H O U S E S

(continued)

3. Houses demolished during 1971 which were either subject of action under the Housing Act, or were demolished during redevelopment:-

- (a) 21 Twyford Road, Willington (D.O.)
Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 West View, Scropton (D.Os.)
Nos. 48B and 50 High Street, Woodville (D.Os.)
15 Mill Street, Coton in the Elms (D.O.)
Whitmore's Cottage, Lower Green, Findern (C.O.1955)
Pettifer's Cottage, Lower Green, Findern (D.O.1962)
Estate No. 48 Main Street, Ticknall (D.O.)
Nos. 135, 137 and 139 Burton Road, Castle Gresley (D.Os.)
Nos. 1 and 2 Church Bank Cottages, Main Street, Rosliston (D.Os.)
- (b) Nos. 60, 62 and 64 Main Street, Repton (C.A.)
Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 Mount Pleasant, Old Winshill, Newton Solney (C.A.)
- (c) Nos. 32 and 34 Main Street, Hilton (R.D.)
Princess of Wales Public House, High Street, Woodville (R.D.)
Nos. 58, 60, 62 and 64 Main Street, Walton-on-Trent (R.D.)
Woodbine Cottage, Main Street, Burnaston (R.D.)
Nos. 3 and 4 Station Yard, Hatton (R.D.)
Nos. 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7 Federation Villas, Castle Gresley (R.D.)
Nos. 35 and 37 Linton Road, Castle Gresley (R.D.)
Rosliston Farm, Main Street, Rosliston
Taylor's house and shop, Egginton Road, Hilton (R.D.)

RENT ACT, 1957

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair under the above Act were received during the year ended 31st December, 1971.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENT ACT, 1963

There are five premises licensed under the above Act. During the year all premises were inspected and found to be satisfactory, a total of ten visits being made.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

One Licence was issued during the year in respect of the keeping of premises as a pet shop.

THE CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

Of the seventeen licensed sites within the District, fourteen have only one caravan. The only large site has a total of fifty-eight pitches and has never been fully occupied during the year. The owner has co-operated with the local authority in raising the general standard of the site and also by taking one or two itinerant families on to the site.

This immediately created problems. Complaints being received from other site occupants. It is easy to talk of integrating these families into "society", but in practice it is extremely difficult to persuade the "better off" caravanner to live side-by-side with the itinerant family making a living by scrap collection or tarmacing driveways.

CARAVAN SITES ACT, 1968

The last twelve months has seen an increase in the number of itinerant families regularly living within the District and parking chiefly on the County highway grass verges.

The serious health hazards created by these people and the indiscriminate dumping of putrescible rubbish and the use of hedgerows as sanitary accommodation has to be seen to be believed. Many complaints are received from members of the public who find it hard to understand the difficulties in being able to establish facts to enable prosecutions to take place.

I wrote in 1970 that the overall problem would not be overcome until sufficient and adequate sites had been provided on a national scale. It is now evident that additional provision will have to be made at regular intervals as indications are that many of these families treble in numbers within a decade.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Control of the many types of pests found in the rural and urban areas of the district has once more been maintained at a satisfactory level. Rats were again the main reason for requests for help from the Department. These infestations could be more expeditiously dealt with if the public notified the Council of the first sign of an infestation before the rats have the opportunity to establish themselves.

Regular visits to the Council's refuse tips and sewage works with immediate treatment of new infestations, have prevented rodent populations using these attractive and vulnerable sites as potential breeding grounds.

The annual test baiting of the sewers was carried out in August with subsequent follow-up in December. Sewers found to be infested in August were again tested in December and found to be free from rats.

Annual Test Bait of 10% of Sewer Manholes	1969	1970	1971
No. of manholes in system under test	1,552	1,552	1,914
No. of manholes in system baited	140	160	168
No. of manholes in system showing "take"	5	4	5

Summary of Visits

Business notifications 55 + 10 Contracts 65
Total visits including 182 revisits .. 247

Domestic notifications 247
Total visits including 643 revisits .. 890

Local Authority (tips, sewage works, etc.) 285

Special purpose visits for other pests, i.e. wasps, maggots, moles, rabbits, ants, cockroaches, bees, silverfish, bats, shrews, beetles, caterpillars and grey squirrel totalled 94.

The total number of visits by your Pests Officer during 1971 was 1,422.

The establishment of a rat-free area of the whole of Milton Parish in co-operation with the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was apparently a success as no complaints of rats were received from the Parish during 1971.

CLEAN AIR ACTS, 1956-1968

Applications in respect of three premises were received during the year seeking:-

- (a) prior approval to the installation of a furnace
- (b) approval of the height of the chimney to serve the furnaces

Notice was also given of the intention to install the furnaces.

The applications complied with the requirements of the Acts and were approved.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Monitoring of pollution, solid and gaseous, continued throughout the year on all six sites established in the Rural District. The recorded results indicate that for S.O.₂ there was a decrease at all sites when compared with 1970.

Regarding the solid deposit gauges, four sites show a decrease compared with 1970 and two sites, Walton-on-Trent and Egginton, an increase. Egginton was only marginal, but in the case of Walton-on-Trent, the increase is of the order of 2.77 tons per square mile per month, and is largely accounted for by above-average figures in the months of January, April, June and August.

A record of wind directions show that during the year a N.E. wind was blowing directly from Drakelow Power Station to the Walton monitoring site on fifty-six days

The Alkali Inspectorate and Power Station Superintendent are notified of adverse results.

One hundred and seventy-nine visits were made in respect of duties in this section.

Average total solids in tons per square mile per month		
GAUGE SITE	1970	1971
Walton-on-Trent (Pumping Station)	10.07	12.84
Drakelow House, Drakelow	13.05	12.14
N.C.B., Stanhope, Bretby	9.82	8.71
Brooklyn, Egginton (formerly Ash Grove, Egginton)	9.84	9.91
Main Street, Milton	9.32	8.69
R.D.C. Sewage Works, Findern ..	12.32	11.61

SOLID DEPOSIT IN TONS PER SQUARE MILE PER MONTH 1971

Gauge Site	Deposit	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Average deposit
WAITON-ON-TRENT	Undissolved	9.21	4.09	7.04	10.29	7.78	10.38	7.53	17.73	6.54	8.56	5.40	5.21	8.31
	Dissolved	5.58	2.91	3.84	5.25	4.43	5.97	2.23	6.98	4.29	3.69	5.70	3.53	4.53
	Total Solids	14.79	7.00	10.88	15.54	12.21	16.35	9.76	24.7	10.83	12.25	11.10	8.74	12.84
DRAKELOW HOUSE	Undissolved	8.93	8.06	11.44	6.84	2.45	1.65	10.04	6.85	9.21	3.75	0.96	15.81	7.17
	Dissolved	7.13	4.87	5.39	4.86	2.98	4.50	5.86	4.31	5.25	4.09	3.27	7.16	4.97
	Total Solids	16.06	12.93	16.83	11.70	5.43	6.15	15.90	11.16	14.46	7.84	4.23	22.97	12.14
N.C.B., BRETBY	Undissolved	6.01	3.5	5.98	4.74	5.27	4.47	8.18	4.62	6.42	2.14	4.56	4.62	5.04
	Dissolved	6.14	2.8	3.38	3.81	3.04	3.18	4.22	4.00	4.17	2.26	3.18	3.84	3.67
	Total Solids	12.15	6.3	9.36	8.55	8.31	7.65	12.40	8.62	10.59	4.40	7.74	8.46	8.71
BROOKLYN, EGGINTON	Undissolved	9.89	4.68	4.90	5.31	3.78	3.81	7.25	5.49	7.59	4.93	5.37	5.05	5.67
	Dissolved	6.63	3.47	4.40	4.50	3.01	3.69	3.69	4.40	3.87	4.00	5.37	3.88	4.24
	Total Solids	16.52	8.15	9.30	9.81	6.79	7.50	10.94	9.89	11.46	8.93	10.74	8.93	9.91
MAIN STREET, MILTON	Undissolved	5.83	2.86	6.23	5.97	5.86	7.41	7.25	5.30	6.24	2.33	2.91	4.62	5.24
	Dissolved	6.42	2.07	2.45	4.26	3.75	5.34	3.84	2.70	3.27	1.95	3.15	2.23	3.45
	Total Solids	12.25	4.93	8.68	10.23	9.61	12.75	11.10	8.00	9.51	4.28	6.06	6.85	8.69
FINDERN WORKS	Undissolved	12.77	4.56	6.51	3.84	5.30	5.28	5.95	5.05	5.07	8.62	10.02	8.40	6.78
	Dissolved	7.66	4.26	3.94	3.90	4.59	4.65	3.75	5.18	4.20	5.55	5.88	4.43	4.83
	Total Solids	20.43	8.82	10.44	7.74	9.89	9.93	9.70	10.23	9.27	14.17	15.90	12.83	11.61

SULPHUR POLLUTION - LEAD PEROXIDE METHOD 1971															
AVERAGE MILLIGRAMS OF S.O. ₃ PER 100 SQ.CM. PER DAY															
GAUGE SITE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Daily Average	Winter six months	Summer six months
WALTON-ON-TRENT	1.05	0.70	1.03	1.68	1.03	1.27	0.62	0.46	0.47	0.67	0.79	1.31	0.92	0.92	0.92
DRAKELOW HOUSE	0.88	1.11	1.09	0.87	0.28	0.45	0.51	0.36	0.33	0.50	0.95	0.98	0.70	0.92	0.47
N.C.B., BRETBY	2.64	1.95	1.26	1.47	1.09	0.86	0.94	0.78	1.16	1.69	2.31	1.98	1.51	1.97	1.05
BROOKLYN, EGGINTON	1.61	0.92	0.94	1.11	0.71	0.57	0.67	0.38	0.52	0.81	0.87	1.03	0.84	1.03	0.66
MILTON	1.72	1.05	1.25	1.01	0.69	0.64	0.73	0.44	0.53	0.68	1.28	1.25	0.94	1.20	0.68
FINDERN	2.17	1.41	1.33	1.21	0.99	0.80	0.90	0.82	1.09	1.73	1.21	1.62	1.27	1.04	1.5

VARIATIONS IN WIND DIRECTIONS - DAYS PER MONTH

WIND DIRECTION	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL DAYS	COMMENTS
N.	2	-	2	2	1	1	2	2	1	1	3	2	19	Fall-out from Willington Station could affect Repton.
N.N.E.	-	-	4	-	2	9	2	1	-	1	-	1	20	Willington Station fall-out should register at N.C.B. gauge.
N.E.	2	4	1	17	8	3	3	7	5	4	-	2	56	Drakelow Station fall-out should register at Walton-on-Trent gauge.
E.N.E. E.	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	11	An Easterly wind could register fall-out at Egginton.
E.S.E.	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
S.E. S.S.E.	2	6	3	-	2	-	4	-	2	2	3	1	25	
S.	9	3	2	1	1	3	-	4	-	3	1	2	29	
S.S.W. S.W.	6	5	2	3	6	5	6	9	4	14	8	13	81	Willington Station fall-out should register at Findern.
W.S.W. W.	1	4	4	2	2	1	1	3	3	3	3	1	28	A Westerly wind should register Drakelow Station fall-out at Drakelow House.
N.W. N.N.W.	3	6	10	1	3	7	9	4	5	1	9	4	62	A North-Westerly wind should register at Milton gauge.
CALM OR MISTY	3	-	1	2	4	1	4	1	6	1	3	5	31	

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE
 FACTORIES ACT, 1961. PART I OF THE ACT

PREMISES (1)	Number on Register (2)	NUMBER OF		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	95	61	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	95	61	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

PARTICULARS (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	2	2	-	1	-
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	-	-
(c) not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	4	4	-	1	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

O U T W O R K

(SECTIONS 133 and 134)

There were five Outworkers reported as employed within the Council's area during the year. The Outworkers' premises have been visited and, in each case, found to be satisfactory

NATURE OF WORK (1)	SECTION 133		SECTION 134			
	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1)(c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prose- cutions (7)
Wearing) making, Apparel) etc.	5	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper	-	-	-	-	-	-
Toys (non- inflammable)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	5	-	-	-	-	-

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

One hundred and ninety-one routine visits were made to premises registered under the provisions of the above Act.

The general standard of premises visited continues to be reasonable and it was only necessary to send Informal Notices in respect of contraventions at fourteen.

These were all within the following groups:-

- (1) Failure to display Abstract of Act
- (2) Absence of artificial lighting in sanitary accommodation
- (3) Defective sanitary accommodation
- (4) Absence of first-aid box
- (5) Absence of thermometer in workroom
- (6) No provision for taking of meals by staff
- (7) Absence of ventilated lobby between sanitary accommodation and workroom
- (8) Sanitary accommodation requiring cleansing

One or two matters outstanding at the end of the year are receiving further attention.

Two non-fatal accidents were notified during the first quarter of the year. Both were investigated. No evidence was found that would justify any further action.

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

CLASS OF PREMISES	No of premises registered during the year	Total No. of registered premises at end of year	No. of registered premises receiving inspections during the year
Offices	-	20	1
Retail Shops	2	100	65
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	-	4	1
Catering Establishments ..	-	25	10
Fuel Storage Depots ..	-	4	2
TOTALS	2	153	79

PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	117
Retail Shops	277
Wholesale Departments, Warehouses	10
Catering Establishments	118
Canteens	31
Fuel Storage Depots	9
TOTAL	562
TOTAL MALES	200
TOTAL FEMALES	362

S E C T I O N C.

ANNUAL REPORT OF CLEANSING SUPERINTENDENT

FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1971

To the Chairman and Members of the
Repton Rural District Council,

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting my Annual Report for the year ended
31st December, 1971, as follows:-

(1) Refuse Collection

I am pleased to report that weekly collections were maintained to 99.8% of properties throughout the year. In fact, there were only two weeks when a full collection was not made. The week of the Easter Monday holiday no attempt was made to collect the usual Monday rounds - two refuse sacks having been issued on the previous collection. During the week of the Spring Bank Holiday the last working day, coupled with a vehicle breakdown meant that two hundred properties were not collected. I feel that this is a record of which you may justly be proud and reflects great credit on your employees who are as anxious as any of us to maintain a good service.

An extra one hundred and seventy-eight properties were added to the collection rounds during the year whilst the labour force was reduced by one man and the plastic refuse sack system extended accordingly by including the Parish of Netherseal and part of the Parish of Linton.

(2) Special Collections

The free service for the collection of unwanted household items continues to grow and shows almost one hundred per cent increase in requests, nine-hundred and fifteen visits having been made during the year. Apart from the service to your ratepayers, I am sure that the value of this work is reflected in the absence of dumped rubbish in the area. Were other Councils to provide the same service, it may well be that the areas on the boundary of your District would also be free of dumped materials.

The problems of itinerants remain with us. It costs £20 to £30 to clean up the rubbish which they leave behind and within a day or two the same people return to the site and the cycle restarts. For this reason, I have not been too anxious to rush onto a vacated site.

(3) Civic Amenities Act

Eleven "wrecks" of abandoned vehicles were removed by the Council's contractors during the year. Eight were removed after informal action.

In addition, there was one "runner removed and subsequently sold.

(4) Refuse Disposal

The railway cutting site at Linton was completed in February to the owner's complete satisfaction. Tipping then commenced at the Bretby site and, apart from the non-security of the facility, is proceeding satisfactorily.

Your F.L.6 continues to give excellent service and was re-tracked during the year. Assistance was given to your Engineer's Department on two minor road schemes and some work at Willington Sewage Works.

The long-awaited Working Party Report on Refuse Disposal was received during the year. Advance rumours of the contents were proved to be unfounded, and the Report at least collected a wealth of information on refuse disposal, although adding little that was new to the subject

Perhaps the most serious setback to refuse collection and disposal was the continued view that Local Government Reorganisation will split the responsibility for refuse collection and disposal between the two tiers of the proposed new structure. There may be some benefit to smaller Councils who have been unwilling or unable to view refuse disposal at anything more sophisticated than a dump in an out-of-the-way spot. The disadvantages are yet to be encountered. For my part, I cannot see that this close-knit service can be satisfactorily split from an efficiency or financial viewpoint.

The Derbyshire County Council has already established a Working Party to consider and advise on the problem.

(5) Proposed Incineration Plant

For many years I have not been able to report on real progress on this scheme. It gives me pleasure this year to record that the plant is expected to become operational in the Spring of 1972. The plant is to be provided, operated and maintained by a contractor and your sole responsibility will be the payment of £2.75 per ton for refuse delivered to the incinerator.

(6) Pail Collection

With the continued reduction in the number of pails to be emptied it has been possible to reduce the work to three days per week, the vehicle being engaged on cesspool emptying for the remainder of the week

(7) Cesspool Emptying

This service continues to operate satisfactorily with the usual problem of disposal of contents.

(8) Vehicles

Two new vehicles were put into service during the year, both of the type which uses a screw feed into the vehicle. This method has proved most suitable to the sack system of refuse storage and the continued increase in volume of refuse.

Two further vehicles were ordered at the end of the year for delivery in 1972.

(9) Labour

I regret to record the deaths of two of your employees during the year. Mr. T Lunn employed as a loader, and Mr. K Rushby employed as a Depot Attendant.

Your labour force is now seventeen men employed on refuse collection and no further reductions are envisaged due to the change-over to plastic sacks.

(10) Statistics

Year	Additional properties during year	Premises possible	Premises cleared	%	Days possible	Days Worked	%
1967	207	729,032	694,606	95.3	8,498	7,500	88.3
1968	3,056 less	612,401	592,368	96.7	7,210	6,343	88.0
1969	255	583,968	571,651	97.9	6,815	6,012	89.7
1970	147	596,294	588,290	98.7	6,355	5,728	90.1
1971	178	605,695	604,493	99.8	4,480*	3,993*	89.1

*These figures relate only to refuse collectors rather than the complete labour force as in previous years. It being felt that this gives a fairer picture.

In conclusion, I should like to express my appreciation to members and colleagues for the support and co-operation given to me. Any Officer can only be as efficient as the staff under his control and I am indeed fortunate that your employees have the interest of the service at heart.

Your obedient Servant,

R. A. DAVOLL,

Cleansing Superintendent.

S E C T I O N D.

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FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1971

(1) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Parish of Burnaston
Sewerage Scheme

Negotiations for the purpose of the pumping station site are now almost finalised, and it is anticipated that work will commence on this scheme in January, 1972.

Parish of Egginton
Sewerage Scheme

Work commenced on this scheme in June, 1971, but progress has been extremely slow due to very difficult conditions. The two pumping station wells have been constructed and the deep sewer work has been carried out. The rising main from Egginton Village to Castleway Lane, Willington, has been completed with the exception of the Egginton Brook Crossing, which is to be carried out next Spring. The contract is expected to be fully completed and commissioned by August, 1972.

Parish of Lullington
Sewerage Scheme

A revised scheme has been prepared for Lullington Village and provides for the pumping of Lullington sewage to the existing sewage disposal works at Netherseal for treatment. Messrs. G. F. Tomlinson of Derby have been awarded the contract and it is anticipated the work will commence in February, 1972.

Parish of Overseal
Sewerage Scheme, Acresford Road

This scheme was satisfactorily completed and commissioned in February, 1971.

Parish of Smisby
Sewerage : Annwell Place

Finance for this scheme is to be made available in the 1972/73 allocation, and a scheme is at present being prepared. It is hoped to invite tenders so that a start can be made in August, 1972.

Parish of Sutton-on-the-Hill
Sewerage Scheme

Finance for this scheme is to be made available in the 1972/73 allocation, and a scheme is at present being prepared. It is hoped to invite tenders so that a start can be made in September, 1972.

Parish of Willington
Irrigation Area

Work on the second phase of the grass plot treatment areas was completed in September, 1971, and the whole of the grass plot areas are now in use.

Parish of Overseal
Sewerage : Green Lane

A draft scheme for sewerage the properties in Green Lane has been drawn up and tender documents will be prepared in 1972 in anticipation of an early 1973 start to coincide with the allocation of finance for this scheme.

(2) MINING SUBSIDENCE

Two instances of mining subsidence have occurred during the year, both in the Overseal area.

The sewer crossing the A.444 opposite Green Lane was affected and 4 x 7" diameter pipes were replaced.

The second occurrence was at Woodville Road, Overseal, opposite the Church, and here 20 x 7" diameter pipes were renewed.

(3) STREET LIGHTING

Street lighting continued throughout the year, up to the expenditure allowed.

(4) HOUSING

The following private properties were completed during the year ended 31st December, 1971:-

Bretby	3	Hilton	2
Burnaston	1	Linton	15
Castle Gresley	4	Netherseal	2
Church Broughton	1	Newton Solney	24
Coton-in-the-Elms	6	Osleston & Thurvaston	3
Egginton	2	Overseal	17
Etwall	27	Repton	5
Findern (inc. 4 flats)	10	Rosliston	12
Hartshorne	13	Willington (inc. 2 flats)	51

The following Council properties were completed during the year ended 31st December, 1971:-

Castle Gresley	54
Linton	1
Thurvaston	2
Walton-on-Trent	6

(5) FOUL DRAINAGE CONNECTIONS

(a) New properties connected to sewer	250
(b) New properties not connected to sewer (septic tanks)	11
(c) Other connections made during the year:-	
(i) existing houses	23
(ii) other premises	9

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